



Wisconsin FoodShare Outreach Network



In order to increase enrollment in FoodShare Wisconsin, your assistance is needed to help make clients aware that these benefits are available and to encourage them to apply. The following script can be adapted for staff and volunteers to use to engage in a short conversation with every client, at every visit:

FoodShare Wisconsin is a nutrition assistance program. It helps people with limited income buy food. FoodShare is available to single people, families, some students, seniors and disabled individuals with limited or fixed income.

VOLUNTEER: ***Are you receiving FoodShare – or do you have a Quest card?***

(NOTE: This is now a standard question on TEFAP intake forms.)

If YES: ***That's great!! Make sure you complete your renewal on time so you keep receiving benefits.***

If NO: ***It's a great way to boost your food budget and help others in our community. Did you know that for every \$5 in benefits spent, up to \$9 comes into our local economy? Chances are good that you might be eligible, and we strongly encourage you to look into it. You can call the FoodShare Helpline to find out if you might be eligible and where you can get help applying.***

FoodShare Helpline: 1-877-366-3635

If the person is not already receiving FoodShare and you have extra time, you can follow up with the questions on the back of this page:

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For more information, contact Gina Wilson at GinaW@shfbmadison.org or 608-216-7213.

VOLUNTEER: ***Does your gross monthly income (before taxes) fall below these guidelines?***
(NOTE: These guidelines are 200% FPL. If a household qualifies for TEFAP, which is 185% FPL, they will fall below these limits too.)

People in Household	Gross Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,816
2	\$2,452
3	\$3,090
4	\$3,726
For each additional person add:	
\$638	

If YES: ***It looks like you might be eligible.*** (Ask next follow-up question.)

If NO: ***Unfortunately you may not be eligible. But, to be sure, you can apply anyway. It takes about an hour or less of your time.***

IF HOUSEHOLD INCOME FALLS BELOW INCOME GUIDELINES ABOVE, PLEASE ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION.

VOLUNTEER: ***Are you comfortable using a computer and do you have access to one?***

If YES: ***Here's how you can learn more. Go to <https://access.wisconsin.gov>.***

If COMFORTABLE USING COMPUTER, BUT HAS NO ACCESS TO ONE:

The public library has computers you can use for free, and many other community organizations may allow you to use theirs. You'll need to get to the internet and then go to <https://access.wisconsin.gov>.

If NOT COMFORTABLE USING A COMPUTER:

You can go to the county Social Services office to get assistance applying. Or, if you don't have dependent children living at home and are not disabled, you can also apply over the phone by calling 1-800-291-2002.

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